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## BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE )  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING ) MONTANA CATTLE AND BISON  
301 CENTENNIAL MALL SOUTH ) IMPORTATION EMBARGO  
FOURTH FLOOR )  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509 )

The State of Montana recently discovered a second brucellosis-positive animal in a cattle herd in the Paradise Valley region of Montana. Information provided to the office of the Nebraska State Veterinarian indicates that additional Montana herds have had extensive exposure to the infected herds. The finding of these brucellosis-infected herds will ultimately cause the brucellosis status of Montana to be reduced from a Class Free state to a brucellosis Class A state by the fall of 2008. This Embargo is being issued to protect the Nebraska cattle and bison industries from these concerns.

Pursuant to the authority of Neb. Rev. Stat. §54-701 and §54-753.05, this Embargo is issued this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008, for the purpose of protecting the health status of Nebraska's dairy, beef, and bison industries.

This Embargo is in addition to requirements found in the current Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-784.01 through 54-796); and the Nebraska Department of Agriculture Animal Importation Regulations (23 NAC, Chapter 2).

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- I. Non-Brucellosis exposed cattle and bison, except those sexually altered, entering Nebraska for any purpose other than immediate slaughter **AND** originating from **Madison, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater**, and/or **Carbon counties**, shall meet the following requirements:
  1. Obtain a pre-entry permit by calling (402) 471-2351; AND
  2. Be individually identified with official eartags and the identification recorded on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI); AND

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3. Sexually intact females must\* be Official Calfhood Vaccinates (OCV):  
\*Feeder heifers which are not OCV may enter the state under quarantine to a feedlot where they must remain until moved to slaughter; AND
  4. Originate from a herd that has been established for at least one year:
    - i. With no untested herd additions; AND
    - ii. Has had a negative whole herd test of all animals 18 months of age and older conducted within 365 days prior to movement into Nebraska; AND
  5. Sexually intact cattle and bison 18 months of age and older, shall be tested and found negative to an official bovine brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entering Nebraska.
- II. Non-Brucellosis exposed cattle and bison, except those sexually altered, entering Nebraska for any purpose other than immediate slaughter and **NOT** originating from **Madison, Gallatin, Park, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and/or Carbon counties**, shall meet the following requirements:
1. Cattle and bison eighteen (18) months of age and older originating directly from a certified brucellosis-free herd;
    - a. Such cattle and bison shall be identified with individual official identification and such individual official identification shall be recorded on the CVI, OR
    - b. A brand recorded in a brand registry. The brand inspection certificate number shall be recorded on the CVI and the brand inspection certificate shall accompany the shipment.
  2. Cattle and bison eighteen (18) months of age and older originating from a Class A state AND **not** from a certified brucellosis-free herd, shall meet the following requirements:
    - a. Such cattle shall be identified with individual official identification and such individual official identification shall be recorded on the CVI; AND
    - b. Shall be tested and found to be negative to an official test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days prior to entry into Nebraska.
  3. Cattle and bison less than eighteen (18) months of age shall meet the following requirements:

Be accompanied by a CVI issued within 30 days prior to import into Nebraska.

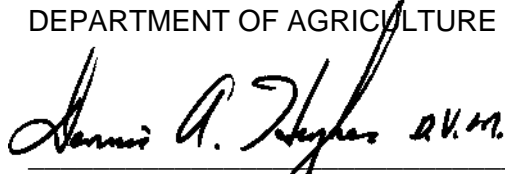
III. **Exceptions to Import Requirements for cattle and bison originating from Montana:**

1. Cattle and bison originating from Montana and exposed to a herd quarantined for brucellosis are not eligible for import into Nebraska, unless moving for immediate slaughter.
2. Montana cattle and bison moving to Nebraska for slaughter purposes only do not fall under the authority of this Embargo, but must move directly to the slaughter facility without being off-loaded.
3. The movement of sexually altered (steers and spayed heifers) cattle and bison is not restricted by this Embargo.

This Embargo is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until notice is given by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Any additional exceptions of this Embargo will only be by approval of the State Veterinarian upon epidemiological evaluation and risk determination.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis A. Hughes D.V.M.", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Dennis A. Hughes  
Nebraska State Veterinarian